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METHODIST MENDACITY.

A Methodist conference in Utah without an attack upon "Mormonism" and the "Mormons" would be like a religious assembly without anything to sell, or a church sociable without a religious bazaar. It was therefore nothing new or surprising to hear that the chief topic of the leading speakers at the M. E. mission conference in this city, has been the customary tirade against the Latter-day Saints and the Church to which they belong.

We take the reports in the morning papers as the basis of a few remarks, so that it may not be urged against them that they are from something originating with the "News." It is evident, notwithstanding the professions of satisfaction at the "progress" (of) of Methodism in Utah, that the ministers engaged in the work are deeply chagrined at their palpable failure to arrest the onward march of "Mormonism," and to convert its adherents to the tenets of Methodism. The lament of the preacher from Provo that at an evening Mormon meeting there were 1,500 persons present, while at a union gathering of "Christian Gentiles" there were only eighty-five in attendance, is an indication of the reason for the animus displayed against the "Mormons," and a sign of the situation here. The reported falling off in Sunday school attendance is another.

There are two strong reasons why the sectarian denominations make no greater headway in these parts. One is that they continue in the policy of wilful falsehood and burlesque ridicule of the doctrines of the "Mormon" Church, which was adopted in the beginning of Methodism in Utah. And the other is that the "Mormon" people, particularly the older members, are thoroughly familiar with the tenets of Methodism, have retained in their faith everything in it that is true and scriptural and have risen so far above its follies and errors, that to come down to them as matters of belief would be like returning to the myths of Santa Claus, bogies, and babies evolved from rose bushes, which in childhood's days passed for wonderful realities.

The atrocious statements made by Rev. E. G. Hunt on Thursday, and by Dr. C. H. Fowler on Friday, are samples of the wretched lies that are published abroad by so-called "Christian" ministers, in order to obtain what Dr. Fowler declared formed the great essential, namely, "men, money and energy." That these are lacking in the Methodist movement here it is needless to add, for that is implied in the appeal for their supply. If "MEN" were sent here instead of vituperative and abusive maligners of the people and their faith, "money" and "energy" might accomplish something more satisfactory to the ecclesiastics, who want denominational "schools, hospitals and Sabbath schools all over the State."

But who will be impressed by such vile abuse without a shadow of truth in it as the following? Rev. E. G. Hunt said:

"The practical idea of God then among 'Mormon' leaders was a full developed Brigham Young."

"There was cruelty here, and if any one apostatized the only salvation was that his blood be spilled, and the records are plenty of murders by the Danites."

"There was disloyalty here, for the Stars and Stripes had been trampled by an old man through Salt Lake and seared by the rabble," etc.

Dr. Fowler made use of the accompanying "Christian" expressions, among other remarks, showing the kind of "gentleness, meekness and charity" that abound in his religious soul:

"They are fighting a system that was founded upon a falsehood and that is fostered in vice, a system that must be overcome. In Illinois Mormonism had the balance of power between the two political parties and they secured anything they wanted. No officer of the law could go into Nauvoo for offenders against the law."

"This continued until the outraged people arose and committed that awful murder by means of a mob. I have been in Wyoming and find the Mormons spreading over that State; there are many of them in New Mexico, and if things keep on as they are now going, there will be before twenty-five years a larger territory cursed and blighted with 'Mormonism' than was touched by slavery before the war."

"The hardest problem to be found anywhere in the mission field is to be found right here. I believe that Utah is nearer the mouth of hell than any other place on the earth."

Neither of the speakers who indulged in that kind of "Christian" conversation knows anything that would justify it in the least. They are both as ignorant of true "Mormon" history as they are of real "Mormon" theology. They are but repeaters of old slanders that are as disgusting to respectable non-"Mormons" in Utah, as they are unjust and scurrilous to the people whom they are intended to misrepresent. If those preachers are not ignorant of the subjects they treated upon, the Lord have mercy upon their guilty souls, in the day when falsehood shall

be blasted by the glory of Jehovah, and "all liars have their part" in the place prepared for their kind!

Dr. Carroll spoke of the condition of the people of Porto Rico, in which he made these assertions:

"Their besetting sin is gambling. He was in one city during a church festival and everybody seemed to be gambling; the market places were given over to it; children let out from school because of the festival were on the streets gambling. Sunday afternoons they have cock fights."

"The people do not attend church, in the first place because the priests are robbers and were so closely associated with the Spanish government. The priests are immoral, gamblers and drunkards."

Wouldn't it be a good idea for Drs. Fowler and Carroll to get together and compare notes, then see which is "nearer the mouth of hell," Salt Lake or Porto Rico? If they would confine themselves to what they know instead of rolling under their tongues as a sweet morsel, unsavory stories they have heard, to which they give the sanction of their sacerdotal endorsement, they would not be long in arriving at a conclusion.

Dr. King made an attack upon Romanism. That was in keeping with the spirit of the conference, which seems to have been an occasion for general invective, and the defamation of everything that does not fall into line with the kind of Methodism which those ministers represent, and which is as foreign to the spirit and methods of John Wesley as the darkness of the pit is to the light of the Eternal throne.

The Roberts question was introduced by Dr. Hiff, who appears to think a great victory has been achieved in the exclusion of the Utah congressman from the House, although a "Mormon" now occupies the seat that was refused to him. But what kind of a triumph was achieved? According to Dr. King it was the trampling down of law and justice and constitutional right. Dr. King declared:

"H. H. Roberts had as good a legal right to his seat in Congress as any other member of that body. It wasn't law, it was God's gospel that kept Roberts out of Congress. The men who voted against his admission acknowledged that they had no legal grounds for excluding him, when they immediately afterward moved for a constitutional amendment against polygamy. No, it was not law that excluded Roberts; it was the Christian conscience of the nation."

Is Congress a body that should be regulated by anything but constitutional law? Is it right that any pretended religious cause should control a body created for the sole purpose of secular legislation? What about the union of Church and State, so vehemently denounced by the same church people who dominated the Congress of the United States? They fought it in theory in attacking "Mormonism," but simply pelted a man of straw of their own creation. Yet they supported it in practice when they overshadowed the House of Representatives, and impelled its members to violate their oath to sustain the Constitution of their country. All that is disclosed by the assertions of Dr. King.

But, poor Dr. Hiff has a big gob of bitterness at the bottom of his cup of comfort. According to his tale of woe he is out more than two hundred dollars in expenses, while touring the country, to blackguard Roberts and malign the "Mormons." We cannot say we are sorry for him in this deficiency, although we pity the poor creature who has so shamefully prostituted the powers with which a kind Creator has endowed him.

RESCUED AT LAST.

Pekin has been taken. The foreigners are safe among their friends. These announcements have been made officially, and there is cause for rejoicing.

The rescue was not accomplished without severe losses to the allied forces, and while there is sorrow for the sacrifices of life made necessary by the situation, it is a source of satisfaction to know that they were not made in vain. The lives of the besieged foreigners have been saved. The mental agony and physical sufferings of the women and children are at an end.

The next question will be to settle the account with China. It cannot be denied that the Chinese people have been fighting, in their barbarous way, for their country. They have ground for the belief that the foreign nations came to China for the selfish purposes, and when they failed the missionaries supported by guns, bayonets and bloodthirsty Cossacks, their opinions of the foreigners were not modified. But when all this is admitted, the fact still remains, that the Chinese violated the treaties made with the world, as well as all civilized rules of warfare, and for this they must be held accountable.

Justice must be done. The Chinese officials, no matter how high, must be held responsible for the part they have played in the tragedy, as soon as this can be ascertained. And there is plenty of time now for deliberation. It is not necessary to copy a famous precedent and blow mandarins into eternity from the mouth of cannon; nor to employ Chinese experts in torture, that would serve no good purpose; but it will be necessary to place them where they can do no more harm. The entire government should be reconstructed with the end in view of removing, if possible, the "yellow peril" from the face of the earth.

If the powers now have no selfish designs, the appointment of an international commission at Pekin, to settle the Chinese question would seem to be in order. If each power is to take up its

cause separately, complications will arise that may transfer the scene of trouble from Asia to Europe and set two continents ablaze.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

The latest scientific wonder is an apparatus, by which it is possible to send telephone messages without wires. Wireless telegraphy is already an accomplished fact, to some extent. Wireless telephony follows close upon its heels, and in this a searchlight transmits the sound. The rays of light are made to perform the function of the wire in common telephony.

The inventor is a Mr. Hammond V. Hayes, an engineer in the employ of the Bell Telephone company, Boston. He has succeeded in talking to a lightship two miles out in Boston bay, and it is only a question of time when the apparatus shall be so perfect that communication by means of light will be possible over considerable distances. The practical utility of this invention is apparent to the most casual observer.

A contributor to Pearson's Magazine describes the new discovery. Like many great inventions, the radiophone, as it is called, is so simple that a child can understand it. At the sending point is a sound proof telephone box. On the table in this box, there are four transmitters, and the four pairs of wires that run from these transmitters extend to the back of an ordinary search light placed inside the box.

The one who receives the message also has an ordinary telephone box, but instead of the wire telephone receiver, there is a circular concave mirror, in the center of which is set a glass bulb half filled with carbonized filament. The small end of this bulb penetrates through the back of the mirror, where it fits into the end of an ordinary phonograph ear tube. The apparatus is thus complete.

When communication is desired, the searchlight at the sending station is thrown upon the mirror at the receiving station, and any person who places the tube to his ear can hear the voice of the speaker at the sending station, as clearly as if he were in the same room, no matter what the distance is. The explanation is that heat waves can be transmitted in a beam of light to a receiver capable of reproducing delicate sound vibrations with accuracy. In the words of the inventor, as quoted in Pearson's:

"The transmitters are especially arranged to withstand very large currents, and when spoken into, and the resistance is varied, the quantity of current in the searchlight and the energy of the beam it sends out to the distant receiver are affected in the same way. As soon as the sound is projected upon the glass bulb, the carbonized filament in the bulb absorbs the heat of that light, and as the air vibrates in the heating of it, it immediately expands. Now with each infinitesimal variation in the intensity of the radiation (caused by speaking in to the transmitter) which reaches the glass bulb, there is a corresponding variation in the expansion of the filament and in consequence there is a corresponding variation in the expansion of the air in the bulb—its degree of heat being so much varied. Certain sounds—words and syllables—produce one sort of expansion of the air in the bulb, while certain other words and syllables produce other sorts of expansion, and thus every vibration through the transmitter, whether by the human voice or by an instrument like the telegraph key, or a cornet, is reproduced upon the receiver."

There is a great fascination in the contemplation of the thought that at last man can communicate with man, through intervening space, by means of a beam of light. What possibilities are not involved in the invention? Does it not direct our thoughts to Him, who dwells in the light that penetrates to the uttermost parts of the universe?

To some people the idea of communicating with God in prayer is an absurdity, because they cannot analyze the process by which a human utterance can reach the Throne of grace. Does not science in its ever onward course offer material aid to the skeptic? Said Canon Wilberforce recently:

"I cannot analyze the invisible fragrant vibrations which proceed from a bunch of violets, and which will perfume a whole room. I can not analyze the passage through the air of the dots and dashes of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. But I know that intercession is a current of the breath of God, starting from your own soul, and acting as a dynamic force, the object for which you pray. It sets free secret spirit influences (perhaps the Father's mighty angels, that excel in strength, who can say) but which influences would not be set free without the intercession. I can well understand Mary Queen of Scots saying that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than an army of 100,000 men. Why should not intercession be part of God's regularized workings as much as wireless telegraphy? Why should it not be a natural law, and none the less spiritual, because natural? Such forces do exist, and they are thought-transference, psychic, sympathy, spiritual affinity, what you will. These forces of influence between man and man, acting independently of distance, are rapidly claiming recognition from the physical investigator. Why should not intercession be one of these secret affinities, appearing at the highest part of man, and acting by divine natural law, directly upon the object prayed for, originating from the divine nature in you, and passing, full of the infinite resources of God, directly to the one for whom you pray?"

Pekin's fifty-foot wall did not count when gunboats were applied to the gates. The guards around royalty in Europe are not uncalled-for since the increasing danger from anarchists. The population of Greater New York falls under three and a half millions, but yet is enough to double up Chicago. Four weeks more of entries for the State Fair. Come in, producers, with the goodly company already catalogued.

Sunday is a good opportunity for the preachers to rest from the persecutions some of them indulge in, as well as from politics and business. Li Hung Chang appealed to Japan to stop the allied advance, and Marquis Li refused. Now Li turns to Russia, and wants a pledge not to take another section of Chinese territory. Of course, if Russia steps in, she would be pleased to take the whole thing.

Dr. Fowler talks of "brides in the infernal nest" of Utah. There is one thing to their credit that he may learn from his visit; that is they are too wise to be caught by the "Fowler's snare."

The boiling over of the Methodist pot of fury today will have no effect on anybody but the fanatics who stirred up the mess; it simply covered them with the slime of their own mixing.

The Chinese reports say the allies entered Pekin "without resistance." Yes, after they had fought all day and had driven off the Chinese. There was plenty of resistance before the entry.

The Boers claim to have captured 4,000 British prisoners. Aside from the lack of confirmation for the story, what will the Boers do with so many prisoners when there is any fighting going on?

Judge Estee has caused a sensation in Hawaii by taking a court room there to hold court in. His action is an object lesson that the American and not the Hawaiian flag floats over Hawaii's capital.

In speaking at a gathering of his co-religionists yesterday, a Methodist preacher said he believed that Utah was "nearer the mouth of hell than any other place on earth." Maybe, for judged by his expressions, he was the "mouth" all right.

The foreigners in Pekin are relieved, and it is probable the American forces will be recalled at the earliest practicable date, since this country is not formally at war with China, and probably can settle diplomatically for the damage done. But for the other powers the trouble is not nearly over, if, indeed it is much more than begun.

The shortage of hay, which at one time promised to be serious, has been greatly relieved by rains in neighboring States and Territories, and Utah is likely to have an improvement soon, through refreshing showers. Because of the improved condition to the east and north of Utah, the prospect is for less exalted prices in hay than were feared a couple of weeks since.

Capt. Wilde of the Oregon may not have made the response attributed to him as given to the Russian command, for the reason that it is hardly likely the Russian made the proposition credited to him. But if the Russian was so unwise under the circumstances, that was the answer he might expect. The Chinese captain had rendered the Oregon assistance, and whatever may be charged against typical Americans, the sin of ingratitude is not one of them.

A Washington dispatch today tells a story about President McKinley being guarded by two detectives. That is a precaution which has been taken for several Presidents prior to Mr. McKinley, and is a wise measure against cranks and anarchists. The people of this country do not care to have a repetition of the assassinations of 1865 and 1881; but the guards named are no indication of any greater danger from the native Americans to President McKinley than to either of his predecessors for a quarter of a century. They are the ordinary sensible precautions, with nothing new in the story.

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ligious denominations do, to right wrongs and prevent injustice.

The Freeman's Journal.

If Catholics, because Catholics, are denied the rights and privileges enjoyed by their non-Catholic fellow citizens, it is wise, prudent, and opportune to combine as Catholics to make that fact known and to urge that it cease to be a fact.

Catholic Union and Times.

Now, this is the kernel of what the Bishop of Trenton says: he states the wrong and he suggests very mildly some means for bringing that wrong to the attention of those who have power to right it. But he explicitly declares attention to them are equally misrepresented. The bare statement that they have any grievance is construed into an act of aggression; the simplest measures of self-defense for the purpose of asking attention to them are denounced beforehand as an open challenge to conflict and a provocation to a gang of villainous conspirators to start a fresh campaign of calumny.

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